

Filing Season Reminder February 26, 2007

*Filing Season Reminders should be distributed to **all non-AARP** volunteers preparing or reviewing tax returns at volunteer tax assistance sites.*

Telephone Excise Tax Refund (TETR)

The Internal Revenue Service is refunding federal excise taxes paid on long-distance charges billed after February 28, 2003 and before August 1, 2006. As a volunteer return preparer, you can help in this effort by ensuring that every return you prepare for a person who qualifies for the TETR receives it.

TETR Facts:

- TETR is a **one-time reimbursement** (shown as a refundable credit on the 2006 return) for long-distance federal excise taxes paid by the taxpayer from **March 1, 2003 through July 31, 2006**.
- Taxpayers who are **not** required to file an income tax return, may use Form 1040 EZ-T to request the refund.
- Form 13614-T, Telephone Excise Tax Refund 1040EZ-T Intake Sheet, can be used to determine eligibility.
- Volunteer sites will use the standard calculation **only**.
- TETR eligibility is defaulted to "YES" in the TaxWise software. Please be sure to validate that the taxpayer qualifies.
- When preparing **paper returns**, enter the TETR amount on: **Form 1040** – Line 71; **1040A** – Line 42; **1040EZ** – Line 9; **1040NR** – Line 69.

For more details on TETR, go to:

IRS.gov web site, or
Form 1040 Instructions Booklet, or
call
The VITA **Hotline** at 1-800-829-8482.